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SUBJECT: THE PACIFICATION WAR CONTINUES IN MR IV

1. SUMMARY: THE POST- CEASEFIRE ARTILLERY DUELS AND LARGE UNIT CONTACTS ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, CHUONG THIEN, AND PARTS OF DINH TUONG, DO NOT REPRESENT, IN NATURE OR INTENSITY, THE FIGHTING ELSEWHERE IN THE DELTA. IN MOST OTHER AREAS, MILITARY ACTIVITY IS AN EXTENSION OF THE FIGHTING WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY IN MR IV OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THE GVN MILITARY PRESENCE,
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BUTTRESSED BY SUPERIOR RESERVES IN MANPOWER AND MATERIEL, CONTINUES TO PUSH INTO OR PROBE AT THE MORE EXPOSED VC BASE AREAS. THE VC, SEEKING TO DEFEND, CONSOLIDATE, AND EXTEND THEIR AREAS OF CONTROL, PRODUCE OCCASIONAL AND IMPRESSIVE COUNTER THRUSTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MOST OF MR IV, THE VC POSITION IS DEFENSIVE. THE GVN IS MOVING AHEAD TO IMPLEMENT ITS 1973 PACIFICATION PLAN DRAWN UP AND APPROVED IN LATE 1972, IN SOME PROVINCES AT AN ACCELERATED RATE. GIVEN PRESENT TRENDS, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF NVA REINFORCEMENTS TO ASSIST LOC

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